

# Guide to Locating Primary Sources



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A primary source is one that is contemporary to the events you are studying. Examples include letters, diaries, photographs, speeches, and maps. Articles published in newspapers written at the same time as the events you are researching can be used as primary sources.

### Finding primary sources in books

Use the GIL Catalog ([gil.gpc.edu](http://gil.gpc.edu)) to locate primary sources by using keywords such as documents, sources, letters, and correspondence combined with your subject. For example, Abraham Lincoln and letters

### Finding primary sources in GALILEO databases ([www.galileo.usg.edu](http://www.galileo.usg.edu))

From the main GALILEO page, click on Databases A-Z and then the appropriate letter

**Annals of American History**—Primary documents covering the time period of 1493—present. Can be searched by date, author, topic, or keyword. Also available in book format (Ref. E173.A793)

**American Periodicals Series Online**—Historically significant periodicals published between 1740—1900

**Ancient and Medieval History Online**—Documents important to ancient and medieval history. Can be searched by document type, topic, or civilization

**Daily Life Online and World Cultures Today**—Annotated documents drawn from all places and periods in World and American history. Click on Resources along the tabs at the top of the page

**LexisNexis Academic**—Newspaper articles about contemporary events

**Modern World History Online**—Documents important to the modern period of world history

**Proquest Historical Newspapers—Atlanta Constitution**—Full-text and full-image articles from the Atlanta Constitution from 1868-1942

**Proquest Historical Newspapers- New York Times**-Full-text and full-image articles from the New York Times from 1851– 2005